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FOR A/PER MCLAUGHLIN AND EUR/EE SCHMIDT

E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJECT: WHY UPDATED SOFIA POST REPORT IS NOT AVAILABLE

REF: A) 76 SOFIA 1980; B) 76 SOFIA 2345; C) SOFIA 0137; D) STATE
016990; E) SOFIA 0182; F) STATE 023987; G) SOFIA 0841; H) STATE
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1. WITH MAJOR PERSONNEL MOVEMENTS IMMINENT, EMBASSY SOFIA IS CONCERNED OVER NON-AVAILABILITY OF THE REVISED POST REPORT THAT WE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT IN AUGUST 1976. WE ARE EVEN MORE CONCERNED HOWEVER THAT THERE MAY BE A "COVER-UP" OF JUST WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT REPORT. THIS MESSAGE THEREFORE IS DIRECTED TO ADDRESSEES WHO SHOULD BE WILLING AND ABLE TO INVESTIGATE WHAT HAPPENED.

2. DEPARTMENT BY OM JULY 6, 1976 REQUESTED COMPLETE REVISION OF OUR POST REPORT. EMBASSY POUCHED COMPLETE REVISION AUGUST 31 (REF A). IN NOVEMBER (REF B) WE INQUIRED WHEN THE REPORT WOULD BE PUBLISHED. WHEN NO REPLY WAS RECEIVED, WE INQUIRED AGAIN IN JANUARY (REF C). DEPT THEREUPON TOLD US (REF D) THAT "REVISED POST REPORT TRANSMITTED TO POST 10/29/76 FOR ADDITIONAL CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS."

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3. THAT TURNED OUT TO BE ERRONEOUS. WHEN WE REPORTED (REF E) THAT WE HAD NOT RECEIVED THE REVISED POST REPORT, DEPT ACKNOWLEDGED IN FEBRUARY (REF F) THAT "PREVIOUS INFORMATION PROVIDED BY FADRC/PBR WAS INCORRECT" AND TOLD US REVISED POST REPORT WOULD BE TRANSMITTED FOR FINAL CLEARANCE "IN APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH."

4. HOWEVER, THAT INFORMATION ALSO TURNED OUT TO BE ERRONEOUS. AFTER THREE MONTHS WE AGAIN INQUIRED ABOUT THE POST REPORT (REF G) AND ASKED FOR EXPLANATION FOR PROTRACTED DELAY. THIS WAS NOW ASCRIBED TO "EDITING PROBLEMS" IN REF H DATED APRIL 26 WHICH ALSO SAID "REVISED POST REPORT NOW SCHEDULED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO POST IN APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH." THAT INFORMATION ALSO WAS NOT BORNE OUT. WE HAVE STILL RECEIVED NOTHING.

5. WE ARE EXPECTING A NEW AMBASSADOR, A NEW DCM, A NEW GSO AND NUMEROUS OTHER NEW EMPLOYEES, ALL OF WHOM HAVE A RIGHT, OR AT LEAST REASONABLE EXPECTATION, TO HAVE ACCESS TO AN UP-TO-DATE POST REPORT OF SOFIA. WE NOT ONLY REGRET THE REPEATED DELAYS BUT BELIEVE THEY WARRANT INVESTIGATION. WHILE WE DON'T BELIEVE ANYONE WOULD DELIBERATELY HOLD UP A POST REPORT, CLEARLY ONLY SOMETHING PRETTY UNUSUAL CAN ACCOUNT FOR DEWNYS OF SUCH DURATION. HERZ

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